GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire country faces the fury of flood every year;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to desilt the river beds to check the floods;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to tackle this problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) The flood prone areas of the country face the fury of flood almost every year in varying degrees. There is no proposal to desilt the river beds to check the floods. The general strategy for tackling flood problem includes measures like flood moderation reservoirs, construction of embankments along the banks of rivers in the spilling reaches, improvement of drainage system anti-erosion works for protection of important towns, villages and other vital installations and communication lines against erosion, watershed management and non-structural measures like flood proofing, flood plain zoning and flood forecasting.